IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: FOUQUER, Richard

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CUTTING INSERT INCLUDING A BRACING LAYER

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 6, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2005, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows: